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SUBJECT: BLUE HOUSE INTEREST IN USSR GLOBAL STRATEGY

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1. MOFA EUROPE DIVISION III DIRECTOR KIM YUN-TAEK TOLD EMBOFF
MARCH 16 BLUE HOUSE HAD ASKED MOFA TO PREPARE URGENTLY (BY MIDDLE
OF NEXT WEEK) ANALYSIS OF SOVIET GLOBAL STRATEGY AND IMPLICATIONS
FOR BALANCE OF POLITICAL POWER BETWEEN U.S. AND USSR. KIM SAID
BLUE HOUSE APPEARS CONCERNED THAT SOVIET ACTIONS IN AFRICA, AND
BY IMPLICATION U.S. RESPONSE, IMPLY A POSSIBLE NEW SOVIET POLI-
TICAL STRATEGY WHICH MIGHT ULTIMATELY HAVE ADVERSE IMPACT ON
ROK SECURITY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE QUESTIONS BLUE HOUSE HAS ASKED MOFA TO ADDRESS:

(A) WHAT IS USSR BASIC GLOBAL STRATEGY?

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(B) HOW HAS THIS STRATEGY BEEN FORMED?

(C) WHAT IS THE BALANCE WITHIN THE SOVIET UNION BETWEEN
FACTIONS (HAWK VS. DOVE) ON STRATEGY QUESTION?

(D) WHAT ARE THE CAPABILITIES UPON WHICH SOVIET STRATEGY CAN
BE BASED?

(E) HOW ARE SOVIETS EXECUTING STRATEGY ON SHORT, MEDIUM, AND LONG
TERM BASIS?

(F) WITHIN THIS CONTEXT, WHAT WILL BE SOVIET POLICY VIS-A-VIS
KOREAN PENINSULA AND NORTH EAST ASIA AS A WHOLE?

3. KIM WAS CLEARLY AT A LOSS AS TO HOW TO TACKLE THIS PROBLEM
IN LIMITED TIME GIVEN TO HIM AND ASKED EMBOFF IF EMBASSY HAD ANY
MATERIAL WHICH MIGHT BE HELPFUL. IN VIEW OF CONCERN EXPRESSED
EDITORIALLY (SEE REFTTEL) OVER POSSIBLE SHIFT IN MOMENTUM IN FAVOR
OF USSR AS RESULT OF SOVIET ACTIONS AND U.S. REACTIONS IN ANGOLA,
BELIEVE THIS REQUEST PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP INCREASED
PERSPECTIVE WITHIN ROKG ON HOW NORTH EAST ASIA FITS INTO
GLOBAL POWER BALANCE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBOFF TOLD KIM THERE IS OBVIOUSLY NOT
SUFFICIENT TIME FOR USG TO PREPARE ANALYSIS WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL
TO ROKG IN LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE. IF, HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT
OR OTHER INFO ADDRESSEES HAVE MATERIAL OR STUDIES READILY AT HAND
WHICH MIGHT SHED LIGHT ON THIS SUBJECT AND WHICH MIGHT BE PRO-
VIDED TO ROKG, REQUEST THEY BE FORWARDED TELEGRAPHICALLY SOONEST
(IDEALLY THIS WEEK) IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE CONSTRUCTIVE BLUE HOUSE
VIEW. IN MEANTIME WE ARE OURSELVES DIGGING THROUGH OUR FILES
FOR USEFUL INFO. HAVE ALREADY PASSED KIM COPY SECRETARY'S
MARCH 11 SPEECH TO BOSTON WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL.
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